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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Tom Kelly for reasons 1.4(b)and(d)

¶1. (C) DCM and PolOff delivered reftel talking points to Argentine Undersecretary for Bilateral Relations Ambassador Vicente Espeche-Gil and Deputy Director of the MFA's Office of International Security, Nuclear and Space Issues, Minister Ricardo Bocalandro on the afternoon of December 3. DCM left talking points and the NIE "Key Judgments" as non-papers. Espeche-Gil and Bocalandro thanked the DCM for the information but did not offer any substantive comments at the time. Embassy will follow up once the MFA has had a chance to review the information.

¶2. (C) DCM asked whether the GOA would consider issuing a public statement on the importance of Iran's complete and transparent compliance with the relevant UNSC resolutions. Espeche-Gil and Bocalandro made no commitments but Bocalandro did ask if we had any timeframe or event in mind for making such a statement.

¶3. (C) Bocalandro asked if we had any information on the P5 plus 1, specifically the positions of Russia and China, and when the P5 plus 1 might make a decision on possible additional sanctions.

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